

NEOSHO EVENTS BOARD

MINUTES

July 17, 2023

Members Present:

- Lauri Lyerla, Ashley Jones-Scroggins, Kelly Lay, Janet Penn, Jeff Jones, Cathleen Bailey, Greg Franklin

Others Present:

- Nancy Tomlinson, Richard Leavins, Julie Humphrey
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A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Nancy Tomlinson. Janet Penn was elected President and then the meeting was turned over to her.

New Members:

- Cathleen Bailey and Greg Franklin

Elected Positions:

- **President:** Janet Penn
- **Vice President:** Jeff Jones
- **Secretary:** Kelly Lay

Celebrate Neosho Recap

- Good Feedback from those that attended.
- All pleased with Food options but 4 Food Trucks and Restaurants on the square did sell out
- No issues with Alcohol
- Corn Hole Turn out was great
- Opportunities:
 - There was a lot of “open” areas on the square
 - How could we “fill” the square
 - More activities | Vendors?
 - More Food Trucks?
 - Large Tent to provide Shade
 - Rent a large tent and have it sponsored as a “hospitality tent”
 - Animals were on the hot side of the square
 - Move sandbox to the Southside
 - Sand box Toys
 - Musicians were very warm
 - Can we provide shade by tenting or canopy over the trailer on the main stage?
- **Future Ideas**
 - **Peddle Car Races | Hot wheel Races | Drone Races | LEGO Car Races**

Hotel Motel Fund Requests:

- Crowder College- \$2000
 - Motioned and approved
- Neosho Arts Council - \$8420
 - Motioned and approved
- Disc Golf Tournament - \$3600
 - Motioned and approved
- Carver Birthplace -
 - Dies for lack of Motion

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Fall Festival - October 7, 2023

- **Vendor Booths**
 - Currently 106 booths have been registered
 - Had 148 last year and could go over 200 if we used side streets
 - Only 110 power is still available and limited
 - All but the South Side of the square will be electrified by the Fall Festival
- **Activities**
 - Music - Janet Penn
 - Working on Mainstage and Art Alley
 - Nancy will provide a budget to Janet
 - Car Show - Greg Franklin
 - Cruise in / Show / Evening Cruise
 - JR Penn will help during the festival
 - Cars could arrive at 9am.
 - Determine afternoon cruise time
 - Park West Main (from Wood to Jefferson)
 - Pancake Breakfast at the Civic
 - Jonathan Russell | Lions Club
 - Kenny Ball has Photo Backdrop and will set it up
 - Corn Hole
 - Courthouse Lawn
 - Bounce House & Laser Tag - Plan to have both
 - Color Me Rad - Needs grass Area
 - Battle Bots
 - Jeremy Clayton?
 - Tractor pull for kids
 - Terry Edwards
 - Large Tent to provide Shade?
 - Rent a large tent and have it sponsored as a “hospitality tent”
 - **Future Ideas**
 - **History Alley**
- **Social Media**
 - NACC will promote on Radio, TV and Experience Neosho App

Being no further business motion made by Janet, seconded by Cathleen to adjourn, Unanimously approved.